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ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL MEET STIRS WORLD

Two-Way Squeeze Tightens On Axis

Americans Crack Lines In Tunisia

Prisoners Captured And Ground Gained In Ousseltia Area; Planes Are Active

London, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Allied offensives squeezed the axis from both sides of the Tunisian front today.

Communiques reported United States forces cracking through German defenses in the Ousseltia valley sector and the British eighth army fighting its way steadily toward the Tunisian border from Tripoli again by Marshal Rommel's battered rear guard.

The Americans announced the capture of prisoners and places of tactical importance covering the important mountain pass between Kairouan and Ousseltia. They rolled the nazis back through the rain-mired central Tunisian battle front from positions wrested last week from the French.

"These positions are being consolidated," an allied spokesman said at the north African headquarters.

The British from Cairo announced that "yesterday our troops were in contact with the enemy rear guard west of Zuara," which is 30 miles west of Tripoli.

The British communique said allied fighters kept retreating axis transport columns under attack in the vicinity of Zuara.

B-24 Liberators of the U. S. Army's ninth air force carried the war again to Sicily yesterday, bombing Messina, 1½ miles across the narrow strait from the toe of Italy.

JAPANESE 'PUSHED AROUND' IN PAPUA FOR THE FIRST TIME

Somewhere in New Guinea, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The commander of American forces in the Samanada sector, where enemy resistance now has been wiped out, today termed the Papuan campaign the first pushing around of this war for the Japanese.

He is tall, thin, grey-haired Lieutenant General Robert Eichelberger, who acknowledged at his press conference that he doesn't know why he wasn't killed—especially on one day when several companions were wounded nearby.

The general said "there's no getting around it the Papuan campaign was a slap in the face for the Japs. The enemy set out to take Port Moresby, and didn't come close to it. He had superiority in using experienced men, and in choosing his own ground on which he had prepared strong defences. He had a plentiful supply of automatic weapons and fought on dry land while we had to attack through swamps."

Committee Delays Vote

Hearing Date Is Set On Mecklenburg Bill, School Amendment Measure Waits

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Legislative committee postponed action today on measures to create a new judicial district to be composed of Mecklenburg county alone and to change the recently enacted school board amendment.

The house committee on courts and judicial districts set a public hearing for next Wednesday on a measure based on the report of a commission appointed by Governor Broughton and headed by former Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro. In a separate report the commission recommended that the legislature reduce the number of solicitorial districts.

Senator Johnson of Duplin, supported by Senator Evans of Hert-

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WHERE NAZIS EXECUTED 2,300 SERBIAN PRISONERS

ACCORDING TO the London caption with these pictures, passed by the censor, 2,300 Serbian prisoners suffering from typhus were taken in barges to Trebdal, then transferred to a prison camp (top) near Jervan-net, not far from the Swedish border. They were then executed in batches of two hundred, by Storm Troopers armed with machine guns. At bottom is one of the long graves where two hundred were buried.

Legislature Gets Bills

Lower School Age And Slower Speed For Autos Proposed In New Measures

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Bills to change public school enrollment age and to fix a statewide limit of 35 miles an hour hit the legislative hopper today.

Representatives Sumner of Wake county and Adams of Bladen introduced the measure to prohibit any automobile from moving faster than 35 miles an hour on the roads for the war's duration. The governor would have the power to suspend or decrease the speed limit at the request of federal authorities.

Since the advent of the rubber shortage the State highway patrol and other law enforcement officers have been without authority to enforce a federal plea that speed be severely curtailed. All the officers could do was to ask the drivers to go slower and to forward their license numbers to local rationing boards.

Senator Johnson of Halifax would provide that children who become six years old by December 31 may enroll for the school term beginning that year, whereas the present law stipulates that the child must be six by October 1. Johnson said the measure bore the approval of Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction.

Favorably reported to the senate were bills to create 21 solicitorial districts, which on the basis of a commission report would be reduced to 16 four years hence, and to provide for superior terms in cities of 35,000 population, regardless of whether those cities are county seats.

Russians Capture German Regiment

Mopping Up Continues In Stalingrad Area, With Advances On Other Fronts

Moscow, Jan. 27.—(AP)—An entire German regiment, the 534th, has surrendered to the Russian army units now mopping up the few thousand Germans and other axis troops held in the Stalingrad trap, the Soviet mid-day communique said.

The regiment came over with its full complement, the Russians said. The communique also claimed that detachments of the 165th infantry regiment, also caught in the Russian vise, had been completely wiped out by Red army outfits.

Advances on other fronts were reported, with the capture of unspecified towns noted, along with the seizure of vast stores of guns and men.

The Russians continued encircling German outfits on the Voronezh front, they said.

Poison Gas Used In China

Chungking, China, Jan. 26.—(AP)—An official charge that the Japanese army in China put on gas for the first time the United States and Great Britain threatened to retaliate if further attacks in China were repeated was made by the Chinese high command today.

The communique said gas was used in a little attack in Chinese territory in southern Shansi province on January 8.

"They used poison gas but some of hundred of men seven men left their lines as the wind suddenly turned toward their own position," the communique said.

Big Bombers Raid Germany

London, Jan. 27.—(AP)—United States heavy bombers, Flying Fortresses and Liberators, attacked naval installations in Germany today, it was authoritatively announced.

It was the United States Army air forces first attack on the German homeland.

It was believed that German U-boat centers particularly were chosen

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Committee Little Affected By Assault On Sales Tax

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—With a weazened little gray haired farmer of Wake county almost dealing the show, opponents of the general sales tax conducted a concerted assault upon it Tuesday afternoon before the joint finance committee. Judging from sideline comment of committee members after the meeting and from the broad expressions of others during the hearing, the assault accomplished little. Currently there is little prospect for any drastic change in the sales tax structure.

The public hearing on the question was granted upon request of Willard Dowell, secretary of the state merchants association, who acted as speaking and floor leader for most of the time. Only he and his selected speakers had touched a little more and said he hadn't been incited but he wanted to speak. Then he launched into a vigorous assault on the sales tax—anything other than an absolute repeal was in time of emergency.

"It pulled the State out of the red," he said. "We all know that. It has done its job—we're out of the red now with a million ahead. Let's repeal the damned thing."

That was J. Richard Medlin, outspoken Wake county farmer, lifelong Republican, and occasional student of economics and philosophy. He got more applause than any oth-

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U. S. Planes Raid Wake

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—American planes flying over Wake island on a reconnaissance mission were attack by Japanese plane, the Navy reported today, but returned safely to their base.

Two Japanese Zero fighters were reported shot down, in the first flight over Wake since a bombing attack on December 23, which started large fires in enemy positions.

The action was reported in Navy communique 263, which said:

"On January 25th, U. S. aircraft were attacked by eight Japanese Zeros during a reconnaissance mission over Wake Island. Two Zeros are believed to have been destroyed. All U. S. planes returned.

"At dusk a formation of Flying Fortresses heavily bombed the Japanese airfield at Rabaul on the Southeast Island, and started fires."

FIRE THREATENS BLOCK IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Fire that threatened to engulf an entire block in the heart of the business district, destroyed the F. E. Quinn Furniture Co. store here late last night.

D. O. Sandlin, general manager and part owner, said the damage, partly covered by insurance, was $100,000. It was the costliest fire here since 1935.

Washington Plans War In New Light

Drafting of Fathers Indicated; Taxes And Rationing Plans Await Congress

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A generally exhausted capital already is scanning the war-darkened skies today for the first flashes of military lightning generated by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at their spectacular North African conference.

The Senate, in recess today, and members of the House had an opportunity to discuss developments on the floor at a meeting starting at noon.

That the war is by no means yet won, however, was brought sharply to mind by growing evidence that the drafting of men with children probably would be under way by next winter, by plans awaiting Congress for new war taxes, plans for the rationing of canned foods within a few weeks, and other structures.

As an indication of the tightening food situation, the office of price administration announced that no more than five cans of fruit and vegetables may be held by each person, without penalty, when point rationing starts.

That fathers would be drafted within a year was seen in an announcement that the armed forces could total 10,479,000 by 1944, an announcement that gave new emphasis to a statement by Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey some time ago. In that statement he indicated the supply of childless married men would last only about two month if the armed forces went above 10,000,000.

Preparations of the United Mine Workers' policy committee to draft new wage demands aroused perturbations that the war labor board "little steel" formula would have to be revised upward. Negotiations with the operators begin on March 1 and unless the formula is changed in the meanwhile the operators say it would prevent the granting of any increases.

As a special congressional committee reported it was critical on of fuel oil and gasoline shortage, the war production board approved allocation of materials for construction of a 20-inch pipeline from Texas to Seymour, Ind. The [illegible] would [illegible] 1,[illegible] barrels a day to the eastward flow of petroleum.

Stock Prices Slip Lower

New York, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The stock market fell a dozen draft today and glided to a lower level after announcement of the conference in north Africa.

Rail issues edged higher in the bond market. Commodity prices were mixed.

Ex-Sergeant at 15

WHEN THIS photo was taken a few weeks ago, Johnny Marna was a sergeant in the army. Now he's home in Milwaukee, Wis., minus the stripes and uniform. Investigation by his mother disclosed he was just 15 years old. He was given a honorable discharge. Johnny's pretty sore about the whole thing.

Nomination Is Approved

Senate Committee Reports Favorably On Flynn; Three Democrats Opposed

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee approved today President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward J. Flynn, former national Democratic chairman, to be minister to Australia and the President's personal representative in the southwest Pacific.

The vote was 13 to 10

Three Democrats—Senators George of Georgia, Van Nuys of Indiana and Gillette of Iowa—joined with Republican members of the committee in voting against confirmation.

The nomination, still to be acted on by the senate, which usually follows committee approval, is expected to be reported with the committee's favorable report.

Committee members, Democrats and seven Republicans, and Robert M. La Follette, Jr., Wisconsin Progressive.

Interest in the nomination renewed here in the wake of last week's open hearing, when [illegible] the senate from holding him [illegible] of Senator [illegible] Democrat, Florida, who said he would oppose Senate confirmation of Dutch Schultz as a New York racketeer and that he per[illegible] New York, referred pointing [illegible] to be indicted with city labor [illegible] the New York state.

Flynn, in testimony yesterday, a Democratic national committeeman in New York, gained him at least [illegible] Senate votes.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rain on coast and light freezing rain or snow in interior this afternoon and tonight. Continued cold.

Early Move In Offensive Is Expected

Nervous Jibes Come From Berlin as News Spreads; Invasion Course Charted

(By The Associated Press)

President Roosevelt's historic "unconditional surrender" conference with Prime Minister Churchill in north Africa drew curious jibes from Berlin while stirring great hopes in United Nations capitals as the allied leaders separated to put their strategy "into active and concerted execution."

Military secrecy surrounded the exact plans laid down in the dramatic ten-day meeting, but censor-passed dispatches from north Africa left little doubt that European invasion courses had been charted and that field commanders had been detailed men for sending operations.

Prime Minister Churchill himself indicated that the goal should be reached soon.

Conclusions of Roosevelt-Churchill talks appeared to be emerging from the conference today as General Henri Giraud's headquarters issued a communique declaring:

"Substantial results have been obtained for France."

The communique said General Giraud, meeting with General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, permitted the first examination of the conditions under which a free French effort in the war of liberation might be organized.

"Exchanges of views will be continued on this subject. It has been decided to establish a permanent liaison."

Here are the highlights of the conference which Roosevelt and Churchill agreed were unprecedented and [illegible] the course of the war:

1. **Military and civil leaders of both nations agreed on a 1943 plan designed to retain the initiative in every war theatre.**

2. **Roosevelt and Churchill, perhaps in anticipation of axis peace feelers, agreed that peace can come only through unconditional surrender of the three major axis partners.**

3. **Generals Eisenhower and Giraud met for the first time under sponsorship of the President and prime minister to negotiate for an effective union of their two forces.**

4. **Stalin was kept informed. Churchill and Roosevelt disclosed they had offered to meet the Russian leader—whose armies have dealt such blows to the Germans—at a point "very much to the east."**

5. **Maximum material aid to Russia and China will be one of the prime aims of the U. S. and Britain.**

While Germany and her satellites sought to discount the importance of the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, United Nations capitals generally evidenced a belief the parleys to smash the axis [illegible].

Authoritative members in Washington [illegible] belief that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had [illegible] a general European offensive [illegible] as possible after the conclusion of the African campaign.

British military observers said [illegible] the long-awaited invasion of Hitler's so-called "European fortress" might be [illegible] from [illegible]

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Farm Bureau Federation Hears Steagall On Parity

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Charge that American farmers are inflation-ists are "ridiculous or little less than vicious," Representative Henry B. Steagall, Alabama Democrat, told the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation here today.

The veteran leader of the farm bloc, who is chairman of the House committee on banking and currency, said that farmers' demands for parity prices, based on indexes including costs of farm labor, were not inflationary but "just."

"It is left lower," he said, that the farmers receive naturally only 5 per cent of the price of farm products paid by ultimate consumers. During the period of enormous increase in national wealth, the value of farm property has been marked by a most discouraging decline. The farmers have been the victim of low prices on what they sell and parity prices for what they buy—parity definition.

Among [illegible] the speakers included Governor Broughton, who was honored at a luncheon as retiring president of the organization; Representative Hamilton Fish, J. E. Knotts and Representative Dick Bell of Green[illegible]; L. L. Gregg, president of Clemson College, S. C., of the State agricultural [illegible]; D. H. Lawson, President of Louisiana State University; representatives of the N. C. State College, Dean Ellis Brown, Secretary and Charles D. Lee, [illegible] director of the state extension service of the AAA.

Lewis urged the farmers to make an effort to obtain their war production goals. "These goals are high," he said, "but despite labor and equipment difficulties, I believe we will reach them, and in many cases exceed them."

Oil Deliveries To Increase

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—John I. Pelley, president of the American Association of Railroads, predicted to a senate committee today that fuel oil and gasoline deliveries to the eastern states would be increased to proceed within a month.

He told the special oil investigating committee that the present daily average of 70,000 barrels would be stepped up promptly.

The increase then, he said, was expected to result from four factors:

1. The use of 500,000 new steel drums for the movement of oil in freight cars.

2. Additional unloading facilities.

3. A supplement of additional tank cars to the eastern service by using tank trucks for short hauls.

4. Movement of oil by pipeline from Texas to Norris City, Ill., beginning February 10, which will free further cars for the east.